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## Former voice of Mooseheads falls silent

Longtime broadcaster and columnist Pat Connolly, known to Herd fans as the PA announcer for all home games over 15 years, has passed away at the age of 84. **PAGES 4 & 24**



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## RALLYING CRY

Tracey Dorrington-Skinner, a former resident of the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children and co-chair of VOICES, shows a petition in front of Province House Tuesday. The group is calling for an inquiry into alleged abuse at the home. **Story, page 3.** **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

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# Sinclair found not guilty of voyeurism

**'Sleepwatcher' incidents.** Dartmouth man to be sentenced Feb. 25 for single count of break-and-enter

The man accused of being Halifax's notorious "Sleepwatcher" has been acquitted on six of seven criminal charges.

Barry Edward Sinclair, 50, was convicted Tuesday of one count of break-and-enter with the intent to commit an offence related to an intrusion at a home on Shirley Street in September 2011.

Nova Scotia Supreme Court Justice Michael J. Wood found Sinclair not guilty of a second break-and-enter charge and of five counts of voyeurism.

Sinclair was arrested after the two break-and-enters happened, minutes apart, the night of Sept. 15, 2011.

The incidents were among several connected to the so-called "Sleepwatcher," a man

who broke into south-end homes to watch female occupants sleep.

A cellphone found at the Shirley Street scene was connected to Sinclair, and provided the basis of the guilty verdict.

But the Crown relied heavily on eyewitnesses in the second break-and-enter case — and

Wood said that did not prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

"When I consider all of the evidence and exercise caution with respect to identification evidence ... I am left with some doubt as to whether Mr. Sinclair was the person who committed the crimes at 6132 South St. on Sept. 15," said Wood.

Three of the voyeurism charges were connected to a videotape that police found in Sinclair's home after his arrest. The tape contained images of young women, filmed through



**Sinclair**  
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#### Parties to consider appeal

- Both the Crown and defence say they will review Justice Michael J. Wood's ruling to decide whether there's grounds for an appeal.

windows in their homes, without their knowledge.

The cassette was found in Sinclair's dresser drawer, but Wood said that didn't prove he'd made the recordings.

Crown attorney Denise Smith called the verdict disappointing, and said the Crown had presented a strong circumstantial case.

"Short of a person being caught in the act, many cases rely on circumstantial evidence," she said. "This is such a case. It's not a case where a better investigation could have produced a different result. A stellar investigation was done in this matter."

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**Coping with betrayal**

## Victim in search of healing

Every day Paul Carvery carries the torment he says he endured at the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children.

In a voice not much higher than a whisper, he recounts the anguish of being violated by adults he trusted there and the unforgettable terror of one particular beating that left him with a permanent scar on his chin.

What the Hammonds Plains resident particularly resents is the constant memories he's forced to grapple with, and the lingering pain.

In an instant, he stops talking and the tears flow down his cheeks.

"I don't know what to say, it's just, I'm a kid and when you're a little kid you don't know colour, you don't know government, you don't know evil and you don't know betrayal," he said.

"All I knew was to try to stay safe, and a kid trusts everybody."

The nine years he spent there, from age three to 12, left him with a distrust of adults.

"I was at my wife's family reunion a while ago and somebody said 'how come Paul is sitting with the kids?' I just felt safe with kids because the kids at the orphanage were friends and we looked out for each other."

Carvery said his purpose of showing up at Tuesday's protest wasn't to rage against politicians. Rather, he said, he simply wants people to know the truth.

"I'm a forgiving person, and I just want justice," said Carvery. "If the government isn't going to acknowledge why we're here today I guess we are throwaway children."

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Harriet Johnson, right, a former resident of the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children, speaks to supporters outside of Province House on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# 'We're not prepared to back down'

## Seeking justice.

Former residents of Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children present petition at legislature



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Now that the politicians inside the legislature have seen the faces of the alleged victims of physical and sexual abuse and been presented with a 1,000-signature petition, Tracey Dorrington-Skinner says she's hopeful the provincial government will do the right thing.

The co-chair of VOICES, a

## Delayed justice

"The excuses the government has given are terribly weak, they're almost insulting. We can have a public inquiry and proceed with the justice process at the same time."

Tory Leader Jamie Baillie

group representing former residents of the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children, arrived at the legislature with 60 protesters calling on the government to launch a public inquiry into long-standing allegations of physical and sexual abuse.

Dorrington-Skinner, a former resident of the Dartmouth orphanage, remains hopeful for an independent investigation that she expects would help former residents

find justice and healing.

"The government is assuring us that they are doing the right thing," said Dorrington-Skinner. "We want them to do the right thing. We don't want a rush job. We don't want lip service. We don't want a hollow apology."

Justice Minister Ross Landry says the government is waiting for more information from an RCMP investigation into the allegations before deciding its next step, if any.

She says from what she's heard, charges likely won't be laid against any of the former employees of the institution.

Harriet Johnson, another resident of the orphanage, arrived from Montreal to attend the demonstration. She says former residents have been delayed justice.

"Why do we have to take this stand to get justice," she said. "I want to bring my predator to justice. Why did they take a handful of children and throw us into that nightmare of a place?"

One way or another, Dorrington-Skinner says, residents will find justice.

"We will go to the Supreme Court," she said. "We're not prepared to back down."

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## Unanimous. Council approves new community council structure

Halifax regional council has approved a restructuring of the community councils based on geography.

Council voted 16-0 Tuesday in favour of the model recommended by city staff, which proposed east, west and central community councils.

Staff had also considered a restructuring based on the rural-suburban-urban divide, but gave the edge to the former approach based on six criteria that included minimizing overlaps between electoral boundaries and planning-district boundaries, distribution of councillor workload, and the capacity for quorum.

Coun. Jennifer Watts suggested council should consider a hybrid that would create an urban core council, but maintain the east and west councils.

She pointed out that the east-west-central approach would essentially create three miniature regional councils and eliminate the benefit of "site-specific" knowledge key to making planning decisions.

"This is going to shift us into a different model where



Coun. Jennifer Watts METRO FILE

you have a mixture of rural, urban, suburban — all trying to deal with issues," she said.

"It'll be hard to (understand), if you're coming in from a rural area, to try and really understand some of the impacts of the issues in an urban context around very site-specific things.

HRM director of community and recreation services Brad Anguish told council the community-council structure can be changed again through an administrative order, and suggested spring might be a good time to re-examine the issue. RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO

## Tribute. Council honours broadcaster Pat Connolly

Halifax regional councillors observed a moment of silence at the opening of Tuesday's meeting in honour of veteran broadcaster Pat Connolly.

Coun. Gloria McCluskey asked for the tribute for Connolly, who she described as a "fighter to the end."

"He was Mr. Hockey," McCluskey told council. "I've listened to a lot of games, and never heard anybody who could broadcast like Pat could."

### Quoted

**"Very few people come down the road as special as Pat Connolly"**

Mayor Mike Savage

Connolly, a member of the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame, passed away Tuesday morning at the age of 84.

RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO

### N.S. economy

#### Review due on development opportunities

A panel reviewing regional economic development authorities in Nova Scotia will release its report Wednesday.

The provincial government appointed the panel this summer to provide recommendations on the best approach to create jobs and grow the economy.

Ottawa announced earlier this year it would end its portion of funding in May 2013. The authorities are funded by the federal, provincial and municipal governments.

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### New legislation

#### Law to benefit coal miners with lung disease

Nova Scotia is bringing in legislation that would allow former coal miners with lung disease to keep their full benefits, regardless of their health condition.

Labour Minister Marilyn More introduced amendments Tuesday to the Workers' Compensation Act that would maintain full benefits for coal miners who have at least 20 years of experience. A decision earlier this year called for the reduction of benefits for workers showing improvements in their lung condition. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Cars drive through a busy intersection at Tacoma Drive and Hartlen Street in Dartmouth Tuesday. A woman was hit at the intersection Monday night. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Crosswalk safety 'an issue': Mayor

**Council, HRM to brainstorm.** Three injured, one dead after week of pedestrian-vehicle collisions



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Mayor Mike Savage says crosswalk safety is an issue Halifax regional council will be exploring in the wake of one death and three injuries in four car-pedestrian accidents over a six-day period.

"Any time you have an accident, death, or injury it's ap-

propriate to review what's going on," Savage said.

The most recent accidents occurred on Monday night. An 83-year-old woman and a 52-year-old man were struck by cars in separate crosswalks in Dartmouth, and each were sent to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Last Thursday, a 27-year-old woman was hit by a vehicle while in a marked crosswalk in front of Mount Saint Vincent University, and last Wednesday night, William Roy Murphy, 34, was killed after also being hit by a car in a crosswalk in Lower Sackville.

Murphy was the fourth person this year to be killed in a crosswalk.

### Rethinking safety

**"It's 2012 — time to think outside the box."**

Coun. Darren Fisher on new crosswalk ideas

"The traffic authority doesn't seem to want to look at possible improvements to public safety," said Darren Fisher, councillor for the Harbourview-Burnside-Dartmouth East area.

He said there are many things HRM can do to improve crosswalk safety, like using crosswalk flags, flashing amber lights, or using neon crosswalk signs instead of white ones.

But Fisher said the traffic authority hasn't welcomed

new ideas.

"They want to go through their manual, their book of plans, and stick to it," Fisher said.

Fisher said council has limited power in making crosswalk changes, so he hopes to see the traffic authority become more flexible.

Savage said it's important for the traffic authority to have independence, but noted council represents the views of the people.

"I hope that we can have a conversation," Savage said, "I'm sure staff would be open to that."

A call to Ken Reashor, HRM's director of public works, wasn't returned on Tuesday afternoon.

## Premier raises funding concern with PM



Darrell Dexter METRO FILE

Premier Darrell Dexter met with Prime Minister Stephen Harper in Ottawa Tuesday in search of more federal funding to beef up the province's economy.

Dexter said he raised concerns about dwindling federally funded stimulus and infrastructure projects. But he also spoke specifically about the \$500-million-a-year federally-funded Labour Market Agreements and Labour Development Market Agreements, scheduled to conclude at the end of next year.

He said the provincial programs, which provide workforce training for unemployed residents, were vital, especially with major projects like Muskrat Falls and the Irving ship-building projects on the way.

He said he's concerned residents might miss out if the programs aren't renewed or replaced with something similar.

"We need to put in place skills-development training programs so we can take maximum advantage of those projects," he said.

The premier met with

Harper to discuss the priorities coming from last week's premiers' meeting in Halifax, which he chaired. Harper turned down an invitation to the two-day meeting, which frustrated several of the premiers, including Dexter.

Dexter will meet with Immigration Minister Jason Kenney on Wednesday to discuss giving provinces more power to bolster immigration. Dexter said Nova Scotia lacks a solid immigration base, which hampers the economy.

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Jamie McCamon, left, and John Drage check out a rain barrel at a stormwater-management demonstration site on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## New stormwater systems may make a 'big difference'

**To homeowners.** New rainwater collectors expected to cut down one's water bill



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Jocelyne Rankin is hoping the importance of stormwater systems really sinks in for homeowners.

"If the home is experiencing water damage, flooding in the basement ... this could make a really big difference," said Rankin, water co-ordinator for the Ecology Action Centre.

On Tuesday morning, a demonstration site for stormwater management opened at the Halifax regional fire station on Robie Street, where

### Quoted

**"There's this whole idea that stormwater management doesn't have to be an ugly business."**

Leah Sanford

the public can go and look at any features they might want around their homes.

Rain barrels, infiltration trenches and bioswales all control water runoff by carefully spreading and sinking the water back into the ground, said Rankin.

"If you're capturing water and using it to water your lawn, your plants, you might see a reduction in your water bill," she said.

The bioswale at the fire station is a gravel pit that acts like a "giant sponge," said Rankin,

because water collects in the small cracks and is absorbed into the ground.

Another bioswale at the George Dixon Community Centre has different types of plants and sea grass and works as a rain garden, said Leah Sanford of the Insurance Bureau of Canada, who has also partnered on the demonstration site.

"It looks like a beautiful garden but serves such a huge purpose," Sanford said.

Rankin said if everyone works on controlling water, the amount of it running through the city's sewer and water systems could go down.

"Which makes those systems operate better," Rankin said, "We're trying to reduce all of that pressure."

"We're trying to present the tools, and get people thinking," added Sanford.

## Confidence rising among local businesses, survey suggests

A new survey from the Greater Halifax Partnership suggests most businesses in Halifax are feeling cautiously optimistic about the future.

The survey, conducted in November, suggests 86 per cent of respondents are feeling positive about their current economic prospects in Halifax. Eighty-eight per cent feel optimistic about economic prospects over the next five years.

However, 65 per cent of respondents rated Halifax as only an "average" place to do business,

and just 17 per cent felt it was better than average.

Nearly 40 per cent believe current conditions are the same as five years ago, and the rest are divided evenly between "better" and "worse."

"Businesses continue to cite taxes, the cost of doing business, regulation and finding labour as their major concerns," said Greater Halifax Partnership executive vice-president Fred Morley in a release. "To me, this suggests that businesses are waiting for

a sign that Halifax truly is open for business."

The survey, conducted by Corporate Research Associates, polled 350 businesses in HRM and is accurate to within plus-or-minus 5.2 per cent, 19 times out of 20. **METRO**

### On the web

The full survey is online at [greaterhalifax.com/confidence](http://greaterhalifax.com/confidence).





# Region facing 'unfair' share of federal job cuts: Study

**Nova Scotia.** 1,600 federal jobs will be lost by 2015, report says

A new study from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives says Atlantic Canada will suffer a disproportionate blow as the federal government continues implementing job cuts announced in March.

The left-leaning think-tank predicted Tuesday that 4,400 full-time jobs will be lost in the region by March 2015 — about nine per cent of the region's federal workforce, not including Crown corporations.

The report says that's unfair because the Harper government has promised to cut only 4.8 per cent of the entire federal public service, which includes about 400,000 employees.

However, the centre says hard numbers are difficult to come by because Ottawa has released very little information since announcing its plans.

"There's a real lack of transparency and accountability," said Christine Saulnier, co-author of the report and director of the centre's Nova Scotia wing.

"We put in a request to Treasury Board and we got back a letter asking for money. We

## Budget-cutting targets

The Conservative government has said it will cut 19,200 jobs over the next three years with about 37 per cent to be eliminated through attrition. But the centre says its research suggests the actual number will be much higher, given the budget-cutting targets already on the table.

have yet to see any information from that request."

Saulnier said the group contacted 30 regional directors within the Atlantic bureaucracy to collect data, but only four consented to be interviewed.

The centre says that more than 2,100 federal workers in the region have already received notices telling them their jobs could be affected, but it remains unclear how many have actually lost their jobs.

Andrea Mandel-Campbell, a spokeswoman for Treasury Board president Tony Clement, issued a statement saying the centre's report was "bunk."

"We have always said that every region will retain its proportion of federal jobs and that remains the case," she said in an email. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Online marketing tool

### OMERS invests \$500,000 in Halifax-based software developer LeadSift

Software startup LeadSift has secured \$500,000 in financing from OMERS Ventures, the venture-capital arm of the Ontario Municipal Employees Union.

LeadSift, which is based in Halifax and has developed a proprietary algorithm that al-

lows companies to sift through online data on social media, says it plans to use the money for product development, sales and marketing, and hiring.

"There's a vast amount of valuable data available on social media, but until now businesses haven't had an effective way to translate this information into actual sales leads," LeadSift president and CEO Tapajyoti Das said in announcing the investment.

"Our online tool enables deep and real-time data analysis, generating a constant stream of high-quality leads

and letting businesses instantaneously reach out to and

## Beta testing

LeadSift is currently in beta testing with clients in the automotive, consumer-electronics and travel-and-tourism industries.

"Canada has proven to be a hotbed of great ideas and promising young companies," said Derek Smyth, managing director of OMERS Ventures.

engage with customers," Das said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

- "What we really like about LeadSift is its potential to flip the traditional online marketing model, allowing small and mid-sized businesses to proactively learn about potential customers and their preferences before spending their marketing dollars."



## Fishing to sweeten the pots

A fishing boat loaded with lobster traps heads from Eastern Passage on Tuesday as the lobster season in southwestern Nova Scotia gets underway. There are about 1,700 vessels licensed to fish lobster from now until the end of May in an area that stretches from Digby County around to Halifax County. **ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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## Sexiest man? Chinese paper falls for spoof

The online version of China's Communist Party newspaper has hailed a report by The Onion naming North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un as the "Sexiest Man Alive" — not realizing it is satire.

The People's Daily ran a 55-page photo spread on its website in a tribute to the round-faced leader, under the headline "North Korea's top leader named The Onion's Sexiest Man Alive for 2012."

Quoting The Onion's spoof

report, the Chinese newspaper wrote, "With his devastatingly handsome, round face, his boyish charm, and his strong, sturdy frame, this Pyongyang-bred heartthrob is every woman's dream come true."

"Blessed with an air of power that masks an unmistakable cute, cuddly side, Kim made this newspaper's editorial board swoon with his impeccable fashion sense, chic short hairstyle, and, of

course, that famous smile," the People's Daily cited The Onion as saying.

In 2002, the Beijing Evening News, one of the capital city's biggest tabloids at the time, published as news the fictional account that the U.S. Congress wanted a new building and that it might leave Washington. The Onion article was a spoof of the way sports teams threaten to leave cities in order to get new stadiums. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

## Bangladesh workers struggle to air complaints

### Deadly factory blaze.

Fleeing workers found main exit locked and no emergency exit; survivor said managers told workers to get back to work after fire alarm went off

### Just business?

- Wal-Mart says it decided to stop doing business with Tazreen after an audit deemed the factory "high risk" last year, but a supplier subcontracted work to the factory anyway. The retail giant said it stopped working with that supplier on Monday.
- In September, Karl-Johan Persson, chief executive of Swedish retail chain H&M, visited Bangladesh and said his 2,600-store group would increase its business relationship with the country.

Clothing is king in Bangladesh, which exports more garments than any other in the world except China. It is responsible for four out of every five export dollars and has turned factory owners into members of parliament and leaders of sports clubs.

However, workers in those factories complain about poor working conditions and pay that can be less than \$40 a month. An agency called the Industrial Police is specifically assigned to deal with unrest in factories, and labour activists accuse government forces of killing one of their leaders. Employees are barred by law from forming trade unions, even though Bangladesh allows workers in other industries to unionize.

Workers hope that could change following the fire Saturday that killed 112 people at the Tazreen Fashions factory that made T-shirts and polo shirts for Walmart and other retailers.

In an interview Tuesday, the managing director of Tazreen Fashions expressed concern — about possibly losing foreign buyers. But there was no mention in the article of concern for victims or their families. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Bangladeshi garments workers march through a street to mourn the death of the victims of Saturday's fire in a garment factory, on the outskirts of Dhaka, Bangladesh, on Tuesday. KHURSHED RINKU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Facebook arrests

### Two Mumbai cops suspended

Two senior policemen have been suspended indefinitely for arresting two women over a Facebook post criticizing the shutdown of Mumbai for the funeral of a powerful politician.

The magistrate who registered the case against the women has been transferred to another district.

Police also arrested nine

men who vandalized a medical clinic run by the uncle of one of the women.

One of the women had posted a Facebook comment complaining that Mumbai had come to a standstill after the death of right-wing leader Bal Thackeray. Her friend "liked" the post.

Their arrest last week was seen as a misuse of Internet laws and an attempt to curb freedom of expression. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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## UN. France plans to say 'oui' to resolution on Palestinian statehood

France announced Tuesday that it plans to vote in favour of recognizing a Palestinian state at the UN General Assembly this week.

With the announcement, France becomes the first major European country to come out in favour, dealing a setback to Israel. The timing of the announcement appears aimed at swaying other European nations.

Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius told parliament that France has long supported Palestinian ambitions for statehood and "will respond

### Proceed with caution

**"It's only through negotiations ... that we will be able to reach the realization of a Palestinian state."**

French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius

"yes" when the issue comes up for a vote "out of a concern for coherency."

The Palestinians say the assembly is likely to vote Thursday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### Ceasefire

#### Israel seeks to lift workers ban

Israel's envoy to the Philippines Ambassador Menashe Bar-on said Tuesday that he will ask the government to lift a ban on the deployment of Filipino workers to Israel following the end of heavy fighting between Israeli and Hamas forces. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### Hungary

#### Racist remarks condemned

Lawmakers wore yellow stars and hundreds of protesters rallied on Tuesday to condemn a far-right politician who called for the screening of Jews for national security risks, part of a wave of racist comments from the Jobbik party. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Arafat's political heirs open his grave for new probe



A Palestinian woman walks past a mural of late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in Gaza City. **ADEL HANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### 8 years later.

**Samples taken to test for evidence the late Palestinian leader was poisoned**

Eight years after Yasser Arafat's mysterious death, his political heirs opened his grave Tuesday and let forensics experts take samples from his remains, defying strong cultural taboos in search of evidence that the icon of Palestinian nationalism was poisoned.

### Polonium-210

**The radioactive substance was found on Arafat's clothing this past summer.**

- **Inconclusive.** Polonium disintegrates rapidly, and experts have cautioned that too much time may have passed since Arafat's death to reach a definitive result.

Palestinians have claimed for years that Israel poisoned Arafat, who died in a French hospital. Israel has denied the charges.

The exhumation marked the end of months of procedural wrangling but only the beginning of the testing. Palestinian officials said it would take at least three months to get results, and even then, they might not be conclusive.

Workers opened Arafat's tomb before daybreak Tuesday, laying bare the remains some four meters below ground level, the Palestinian health minister said. A Palestinian forensics examiner took some 20 samples and handed them to Swiss, French and Russian experts, officials said.

Sheets of blue tarpaulin draped over the mausoleum hid the scene from view, part of an attempt by Palestinian officials to minimize any potential backlash against digging up the grave of Arafat, still widely revered in the Palestinian territories. By mid-morning, the grave was resealed. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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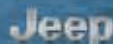
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# Her green jersey, a school's red faces

**True colours.** It was a pep rally for the Stampeders' big date, but 13-year-old student turned up in a Roughriders jersey



**JEREMY NOLAÏS**  
Metro in Calgary

It all started with a Saskatchewan Roughriders jersey.

It ended with Calgary's Catholic school district apologizing to one of its students and her parents.

Because the student, Alessandra Behr, was temporarily withheld from a Grey Cup pep rally for wearing that Roughriders jersey.

Behr, 13, said the vice-principal at her school in the city's northwest initially told her she would be barred from the festivities last Friday unless she changed.

"I thought it was really stupid," Behr said.

She estimated she spent 45 minutes in the principal's office before the whole affair was sorted out.



Alessandra Behr says she was born and bred a Saskatchewan Roughriders fan — and here she wears that iconic green jersey with pride. (That rally, of course, didn't help the Stampeders win the cup.) JEREMY NOLAÏS/METRO IN CALGARY

"I don't feel like it's right, what they did ... they say stand up for what you believe in, and when they tell you that's not right, you feel like you have done something wrong," Behr said.

After learning what had happened, the school's principal intervened "immediately" and Behr was allowed to participate for the entire duration of the pep rally, said Catholic school spokesperson

Janet Corsten.

"It was a temporary, misguided judgment on the part of the staff member at the school," Corsten said.

"It was corrected immediately by the principal ... most importantly, all students were able to fully participate in the rally."

Behr said she did miss preparations for the event, which was attended by a local television news station, in-

## A family affair

Alessandra Behr says she was born and bred a Saskatchewan Roughriders fan.

- Oh, Dad! Her father, Jason, has held Calgary Stampeders season tickets for 13 years.
- Hush! Alessandra's parents asked that the name of her school and its vice-principal be withheld as they wanted to avoid personal attacks.

cluding the choreographing of a pro-Calgary Stampeders dance routine.

Behr's parents were quick to commend the school for resolving the matter and apologizing.

But her father, Jason Behr, maintains the misunderstanding should never have occurred. "She wasn't violating the dress code or anything," he said.

Behr, meanwhile, said she has given no thought to trading in her green-and-white Riders garb for the Stampeders' red.

## Sperm donor case

### Her dad's identity stays hidden

The B.C. Court of Appeal has thrown out an earlier decision that sided with a woman who wanted to know the identity of her sperm donor father.

Olivia Pratten wanted offspring like herself to be treated the same as people who are adopted.

But the court ruled there is no legal right for offspring to know their past and providing such information would amount to state intrusion into many people's lives.

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## Two women died

### Elliot Lake probe gets secrecy plea

The owners of a mall that collapsed in Elliot Lake, Ont., killing two women, are asking a public inquiry to keep some of their documents secret.

A similar request has come from an engineering association related to disciplinary measures taken against two engineers.

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# Twitter must address privacy fears, MP says

Tweet this, Twitter fans.

NDP MP Charlie Angus says Canadians need to know more about how the social media giant protects their privacy.

Angus publicly quit using the microblogging site earlier this year, likening it to being badgered by a drunk on a 24-hour bus ride.

But he says a House of Commons study on privacy and social media requires the company's input.

A Commons committee decided last May to study the steps being taken by social media companies to protect the personal information of Canadians.

It followed high-profile interventions by Canada's privacy commissioner on the use of personal data by sites like Google and Facebook.

Both companies have appeared before the committee, but NDP MP Charmaine Borg says Twitter refused.

The company couldn't be reached for comment.

The committee has now agreed to send a formal let-



MP Charlie Angus has given up using Twitter. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ter asking Twitter to testify. Angus said Google and Facebook have supported the study, but the committee needs to go further.

"We're not going to have a full sense unless we have the main players," said Angus. "We need Twitter."

The motion to formally call Twitter to testify came after a representative from Facebook took committee members through that company's privacy policies.

Facebook's relationship

with Canada's privacy commissioner, Jennifer Stodart, is robust, said Robert Sherman, manager of privacy and public policy for the social networking giant.

"We found that we have had a very positive relationship with her office and have been able to discuss many of the issues and products that we've been (introducing) with her office and get their feedback," Sherman said.

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# Parking spots are Hong Kong's newest investment craze

**Speculation.** This past weekend, buyers paid up to \$167K per space

Investors looking for new places to park their cash in Hong Kong are driving up prices for parking spaces, sparking fears of a bubble in the Asian financial centre.

Prices for parking spots in Hong Kong are nearing historic highs, the side effect of government curbs to cool the housing market amid worries of overheating following the latest round of monetary stimulus in

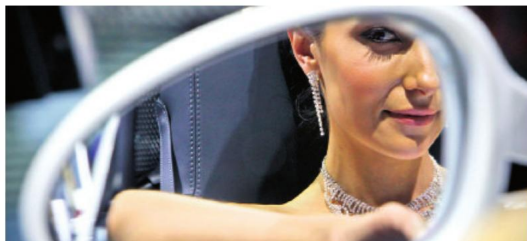
the U.S. last month.

There are "a lot of speculators in the market, especially for car parks," said Buggle Lau, senior analyst with Midland Realty. A bubble is "definitely forming."

Over the weekend, a developer sold about 500 parking spots at a new suburban apartment complex at prices of up to about \$167,000 per space.

In a commercial building near the city's financial district on Hong Kong Island, an investor has put 34 parking spaces on sale for about \$12.9 million, according to a report last week in the Ming Pao newspaper.

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Celebrated Hong Kong model Lisa S sits in a Porsche at the Beijing Auto Show in this file photo. Where do you park your Porsche in Hong Kong? In a \$167,000 parking space, according to the latest transactions. GETTY IMAGES FILE

## Gift cards. Swap site will trade unwanted plastic

If the idea of re-gifting never held much appeal for you, take heart: There are dedicated sites that make it easier to part ways with unwanted gift cards.

This holiday season, if you find yourself in possession of a card designated for a restaurant or retailer you don't like or frequent, you can trade it in for a card you do want.

Frances Ho, co-founder and COO of Canadian website CardSwap, said she had an epiphany around four years ago when she found herself with a wallet full of gift cards for specific stores where she couldn't find anything she really wanted to purchase. She sought to pinpoint an easier way to exchange the gift cards for cash or for other cards she'd be more inclined to use.

This Christmas will mark the fourth in operation for CardSwap. Users selling cards have the choice of accepting points which are used to swap for other gift cards, receiving a cheque or being paid through PayPal, said Ho. Individuals can also convert unused gift cards for charitable donations, with CardSwap issuing payment for up

### Quoted



"Sometimes, when you receive a gift card, it just may not be the right place for you and so you just want to swap it out for your favourite store or your favourite restaurant."

Frances Ho, co-founder and COO of the Canadian website CardSwap, now in its fourth year of operation.

to 92 per cent of the face value.

"I think when you give a gift card out, the thought is there already; and if it isn't the correct gift card, I think the person that gave it to you would rather you use it at a place that you would go to and really enjoy," she added.

"The point of giving a gift card is so that a person is able to splurge a little or treat (themselves); so I think it's perfectly fine to swap it for something you're actually going to use." THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Auto industry

## Feds usher in new emission rules

On the eve of global climate talks that will put Canada's contentious policies under the microscope, Ottawa has introduced its next set of rules to cut greenhouse gas emissions from cars and light trucks.

Under regulations proposed Tuesday, vehicles built between 2017 and 2025 must cut emissions by an average of five per cent a year, every year. Environment Minister Peter Kent said that should cut annual gas costs by about \$900 per auto.

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### Business jets

## Bombardier nets plane order worth up to \$7.8B

Bombardier has made the biggest sale of business aircraft in its history with a deal to provide up to 142 Global aircraft to private European luxury charter company VistaJet in a transaction potentially worth up to \$7.8 billion US.

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### Market Minute



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### Ralcorp purchase

## ConAgra becomes top U.S. producer of private-label food

ConAgra Foods is set to become America's biggest maker of store-brand foods, with a \$5-billion US purchase of Ralcorp that expands its stake in the market for cereals, crackers and other packaged foods sold under private labels.

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half right. I'm tempted to clarify, but that usually leads to more misunderstanding.



**Ford Nation Chief-in-turmoil**  
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At least I'm not alone. If I think I'm misunderstood, what about poor Rob Ford, the mayor of Toronto? He tried so hard to make everything simple; for example, he characterized the complex problems of transit in a North American megacity as "the war on cars." And what thanks does he get? Booted out of office for conflict of interest around his football association, that's what.

It's not his fault. It's those leftists like lawyer Clayton Ruby who fail to understand that he's a simple man of the people who doesn't get conflict of interest and all that stuff.

Then there's Justin Bieber, the world's most misunderstood pop tart, who was booed every time he showed his face at the Grey Cup, even though there were worthy alternative targets such as Burton Cummings' ridiculous rendition of O Canada. Justin thinks these "haterz" hate the very idea of Justin Bieber. They can't stand it that some kid made more

than \$100 million over the last two years bouncing around the stage to inane tunes while the rest of us had to work for a living. Real musician Mark Knopfler clarified matters when he sang: "That ain't workin' that's the way you do it. Money for nothin'..."

Justin just wants to be known as, "like, a nice guy. But I won't take anybody's, like, s--t."

Seems clear to me.

Speaking of Justin, there's Justin Trudeau, yet another victim of misunderstanding. Right at the height of Trudeauumania 2.0 (last week), the haterz (Tories, in this case), exhumed a video clip of Justin in Quebec circa 2010 moaning about the state of Canada because of the Albertans "who control our community and socio-democratic agenda." Needless to say, that was misunderstood

in Alberta, but in Quebec nothing was lost in translation.

What he meant to convey was that "Albertans" was shorthand for Stephen Harper and his gang of neo-Tories, but everybody just misunderstood. I am also tempted to point out that a lot of people don't understand that Stephen Harper is, in fact, from Etobicoke. Like Rob Ford.

Now Etobicoke is going to start complaining that it's misunderstood.

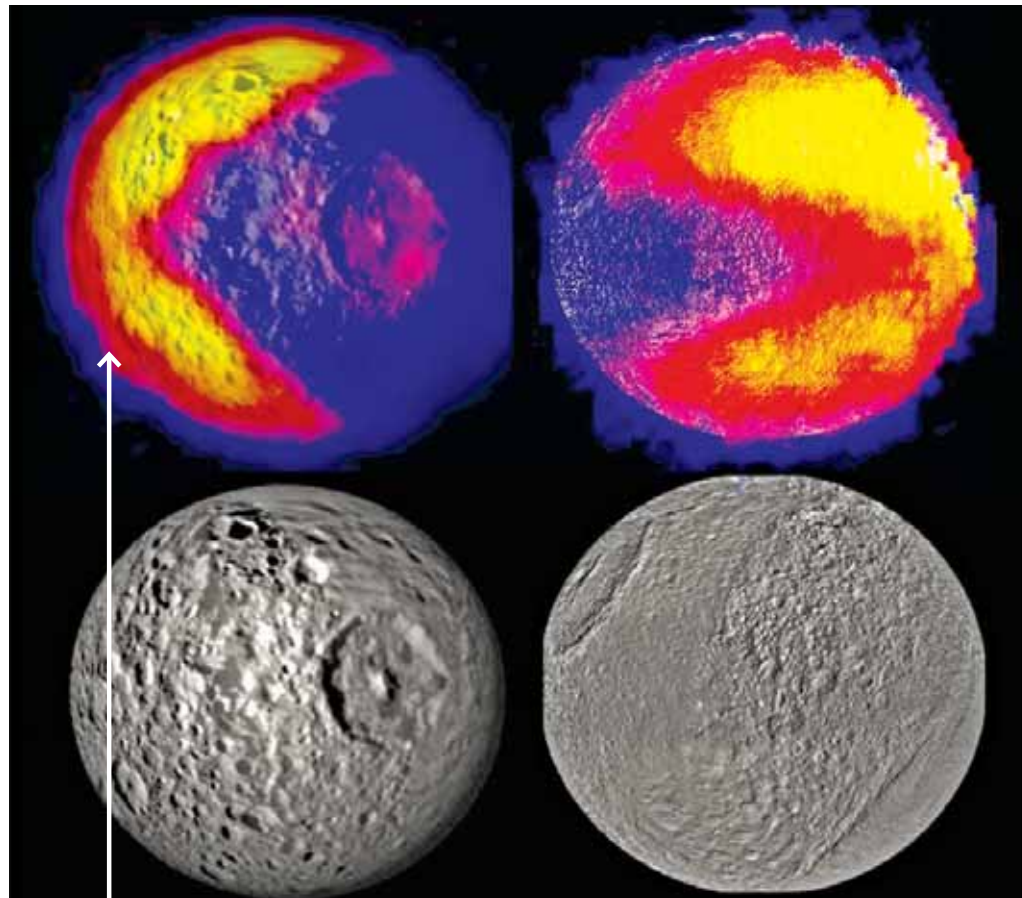
Before that happens, we need to nip this epidemic in the bud. The only thing Rob Ford, Justin Bieber and Justin Trudeau don't understand is that the people (at least the leftists, haterz and Tories) are not fooled. They understand, only too well.

Except when it comes to me, of course.



**Trudeau 2.0** THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Pac-Man replays on moons



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### Space exploration

### Video-game hero spotted in moons

NASA put a man on the moon in the 1960s — a few decades later Pac-Man appears on two of Saturn's moons. Scientists with the Cassini spacecraft mission have identified two features shaped like the 1980s video-game icon on moons of Saturn. One was observed on the moon Mimas, left, in 2010

and the latest was observed on the moon Tethys.

These remarkable infrared images measure the surface temperature of the two satellites. In a new report, researchers theorize that this distinctive pattern is the result of high-energy electrons colliding into low latitudes on the forward-facing sides moons as they orbit around Saturn. This bombardment transforms the normally "fluffy" surface into hard-packed ice, NASA said. **METRO**

### Temperature

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is the warmest temperature recorded on the surface of Tethys in data obtained on Sept. 14. Daytime temperatures inside the mouth of Pac-Man were seen to be cooler than their surroundings by 1.6 C.



**Screenshot of the 1980 arcade game Pac-Man.** NAMCO

### Twitter

#### @lanRobinsonPA:

Very sad to learn of the passing today of my mentor Halifax Mooseheads PA Announcer Pat Connolly, thanks for blazing the trail my friend.

#### @MarkHfx:

RIP Pat Connolly. So many great memories of hearing his voice over the PA. Absolute class. #Halifax #HalifaxMooseheads #Mooseheads

#### @HFXHabs:

R.I.P Pat Connolly, the former voice

of the Halifax Metro Centre. Now I wish I was going to Friday's game. #Mooseheads

#### @hali\_bods:

Unfortunate news today with the passing of Pat Connolly. It was a pleasure to have had him announce my name! Great man. RIP @HFXMooseheads

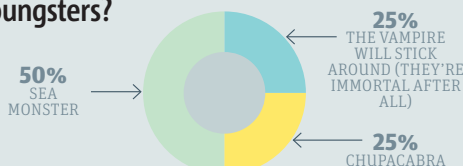
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Sad news, one of my favorite good food places in #Halifax, Elephant Eye is closing down! I'll be there on their last 12/14 for drinks!



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James Gandolfini plays a foul-mouthed hitman in *Killing Them Softly*. HANDOUT

# James Gandolfini: I'm 'like a 260-pound Woody Allen'

**Killing Them Softly.** Hard to erase memories of Tony Soprano in new film



IN  
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Tony Soprano was one of the most recognizable television characters of the last decade, yet the man who breathed life into him, actor James Gan-

dolfini, says, "I never think about him, ever."

He may not, but audiences do. It's difficult to see the burly actor in any other role without thinking about the troubled gangster he played on 86 episodes of *The Sopranos*.

This weekend, he plays a foul-mouthed hitman in *Killing Them Softly*, opposite Brad Pitt and Ray Liotta. Despite his powerful presence, the role likely won't do much to erase memories of Soprano.

The New-Jersey-born actor first earned notice playing — you guessed it — a hitman in Tony Scott's *True Romance*.

Similar roles in movies like *Get Shorty* followed, but Gandolfini says he is nothing like the tough guy characters he so frequently plays.

Even though he once earned a living as a bouncer (he also delivered seltzer for a company called Gimme Seltzer) and has repeatedly unlocked a wellspring of rage on screen, he says, "I'm a neurotic mess. I'm really basically just like a 260-pound Woody Allen."

Perhaps that's what he tapped into when he voiced Carol, the impulsive creature in *Where the Wild Things Are*.

It's a sensitive performance

that shows off Gandolfini's softer side. He does go on a "wild ruckus," but at least he doesn't shoot anybody.

In fact, we may soon see less and less of his badass side. "I'm getting a little older, you know," he says. "The running and the jumping and killing, it's a little past me."

In the dark indie *Welcome to the Rileys* (directed by Jake Scott, son of Ridley) he's unarmed, playing a troubled businessman whose life unravels when he befriends a stripper, played by Kristen Stewart.

In the *Loop*, a wild satire of British politics, saw Gandolfini

take a detour into comedy, but his strangest movie came in 2010. *Mint Julep* was made in 1995 after Gandolfini had appeared in *Terminal Velocity* and *Crimson Tide*, but because of money issues it wasn't released until after *The Sopranos* was off the air. Noticeably thinner, and with more hair, he plays a perverted landlord opposite David Morse.

Yet another side of the actor can be seen in *Alive Day: Home from Iraq*, a documentary in which he interviews injured Iraq War veterans about the physical and emotional costs of war.

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# Life goes on After the Rose for Brad and Bianka

**The Bachelor.** Runner-up Whitney returns for final episode

Last week, Brad Smith made his choice on *The Bachelor* Canada. He proposed to Bianka, who eagerly accepted the rose. The 29-year-old registered nurse beat out 24 other women for a shot at marital bliss with the ex-CFL football player.

But what happens After the Rose? A peek behind the fairy tale romance can be seen Wednesday night in an hour-long final episode of the Citytv reality series.

The episode was taped a few weeks ago before 300 fans at the picturesque, seaside town of Sidney, B.C. It had been two months since Brad had actually proposed in Barbados. The two had not been allowed out in public together since then for fear of tipping off viewers. Their only contact, they both said, was through Skype.

"I've already tried to marry her," Brad reveals right after the taping. He tried to convince Bianka to elope with him.

"To actually have a normal life, far from all this cloak and dagger stuff, would be awesome," said Smith, 29.

The two lovebirds seemed quite affectionate during and after the taping. Bianka marvelled at how much they have in common. They agree on everything, she says: "the favourite beer, the favourite wine, the favourite sandwich at Wendy's."

Suggestions that you can't find the love of your life over the course of an eight-week reality show were waved off as so much heard-it-before cynicism.

"To have an organic relationship from that experience is impossible, yet we have it," says Smith. "It was a TV show, yet it was so friggin' real."

Things can, however, get a little thorny after the rose. Smith says he was nervous coming face to face one last time with the turbulent

runner-up, Whitney. The contestant from Calgary quickly became the villain of the series with all her "Brad's mine!" comments to the camera.

She's back and all glammed up for Wednesday's final confrontation. Smith doesn't exactly welcome her back. Instead, he does a lot of finger pointing. "I wanted everybody in Canada to see what I had to deal with the past four weeks," he said after the taping.

"She has a severe ability to jumble things up; it's truly frustrating to be around, especially when you just want an answer."

The studio audience gets into what shapes up to be a Springer moment. You half expect to hear cries of "Jerry! Jerry!"

"She's a polarizing figure, there's no question," says host Tyler Harcott, who referees the session, at times almost acting as if he was Whitney's therapist. "She brought a lot of that on herself. Unfortunately, she painted herself as the villain."



Bachelor Canada star and former CFL wide receiver Brad Smith poses for a photograph in Toronto on Sept. 26. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

What worries Harcott is how the rep will follow the 24-year-old administrative assistant.

"The Twitter world, the Facebook world, that part breaks my heart," says Harcott. "I don't think people realize that these people aren't actors, they go to the coffee shop like the rest of us." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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## Rowling sells her Scotland home, makes a mint

J.K. Rowling is a bit of a wizard when it comes to real estate. The bestselling author recently sold the Edinburgh, Scotland home — where she wrote four of her seven Harry Potter novels — for \$3.6 million after just three weeks on the market, according to People magazine. Rowling bought the top half of the home in 1999 and later bought the downstairs section and converted it into



J.K. Rowling

a single home with eight bedrooms, a walled garden and a detached office in the back.

The buyer is an anonymous Scottish businessman.

### Twitter



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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

### The Word

### Today in celebrity lawsuits



**THE WORD**  
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Celebrities. If they aren't getting divorced, they're getting sued. Here's a breakdown of the latest legal woes of your favourite stars.

While Halle Berry is hoping to make her temporary restraining order against ex Gabriel Aubry permanent following his bloody Thanksgiving row with her fiancé, Olivier Martinez, Aubry himself is reportedly seeking legal protection, according to TMZ. In his legal declaration following the incident, Aubry claims that Martinez threatened his life and used intimidating language the day before the fight, during a school play featuring Nahlá,

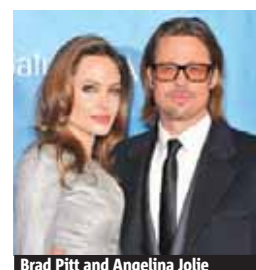
the daughter Berry and Aubry share. Aubry has been granted a restraining order of his own against Martinez.

The lawsuits just keep coming for Kevin Clash, the beleaguered ex-voice of Elmo. He's been slammed with a third accusation of having sex with an underage boy a week after a similar allegation prompted him to resign from Sesame Street. A man identified only as John Doe alleges Clash engaged in oral sex and other sex acts with him when he was 16 years old. The suit, which was filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, seeks at least \$75,000 in damages, per Reuters.

A Katt Williams fan isn't just brushing off a terrible performance by the comedian — he's suing the star on behalf of everyone who had to witness it. This week, Brian Herline of Modesto, Calif., filed a class action lawsuit against Williams and Live Nation on behalf of the audience members who attended a Williams show at Oakland's Oracle

Arena earlier this month. The San Francisco Chronicle reports that Williams went bonkers 10 minutes into his set, taking off all of his clothes and then challenging people to fight (sounds watchable to me). The gracious Herline is seeking class-action certification in an effort to get ticket money back for all audience members.

It's been a bad week for Justin Bieber. First, he was booed by a bunch of football fans for his halftime performance at the Grey Cup on Sunday, and now he has been hit with a \$9.2 million lawsuit brought against him by Stacey Wilson Betts. Betts claims she lost her hearing "by a sound blast that exceeded safe decibel levels" at a Bieber concert two years ago. Two years is a long time to wait to file a lawsuit. Even fishier? She's representing herself. Bieber and his lawyers asked for the case to be dismissed, stating that Betts has a "failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted," which is legalese for "girlfriend is crazy."



Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie

## Pitt and Jolie: Finally getting hitched?

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie may be finally making good on their engagement and getting married sooner rather than later. "I am getting more pressure from my kids, and it is something I want to do within their lifetime," he tells reporters at the Killing Them Softly premiere, according to Hollyscoop. "But I also feel like the time has come. The time is now. It's soon. I got a good feeling about it." And Pitt admits it's not just pressure from the kids that has him eager to tie the knot. It turns out he's into the idea as well: "We've had a family, we've raised the kids. I am surprised how much [marriage] meant to me once you had that," he says.

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## Dishing deep on Chicago



Bask in Americana nostalgia at the Hotel Lincoln. CONTRIBUTED



The Hotel Lincoln: Does it remind you of Moonrise Kingdom? SUBMITTED

### Presidential digs

Stepping into the Hotel Lincoln is like walking onto the set of a Wes Anderson movie. The Midwest meets New England with golden yellows, foresty greens and a sense of quaint nostalgia reminiscent of the director's Moonrise Kingdom.

A number of the rooms feature curtains that open like the flaps of a tent, and patterned carpeting guides you through the hallways and suites. While it underwent extensive renovations before being opened by hotel operator Joie de Vivre early in 2012, the 12-storey building still retains its historic edge. The 184-room Lincoln has the feel of a boutique hotel with whimsical touches — like an eclectic wall of pictures and paintings leading from the lobby to the second floor, and a reception desk clad in drawer fronts. On the rooftop, an all-season bar offers sweeping views of Lake Michigan, North Avenue Beach and downtown Chicago. Off the lobby is Perennial Virant (perennialchicago.com), offering a seasonal menu and featuring pickled and canned ingredients purchased from local growers. (1816 North Clark St. jdvhoteles.com.)

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Two things not to miss

Lunch

A popular spot in the neighbourhood, Nookies Restaurant (1746 North Wells St., [nookiesrestaurants.net](http://nookiesrestaurants.net)) is the perfect spot to enjoy a quick lunch or a hangover-battling Sunday breakfast. Have an appetite? Try the Crunchy French Toast, made from thick pieces of bread covered in cornflakes and powdered with sugar.

Prohibition

To get in touch with the city's more infamous history, walk a short distance from Hotel Lincoln to 2122 North Clark St., which was the site of the Saint Valentine's Day Massacre. It was at this address in 1929 that, at the height of prohibition, Al Capone's south Chicago gang murdered seven rival mob associates.

Bucktown and Wicker Park

Located west of Lincoln Park, both neighbourhoods have seen a resurgence in recent years as established residents and young families mix with students and hipsters. Before you start exploring, grab lunch at Big Star (1531 North Damen Ave., [bigstarchicago.com](http://bigstarchicago.com)), a whiskey and taco eatery just past the Damen L transit station.

Across the street from Big Star is The Violet Hour (1520 North Damen Ave., [theviolethour.com](http://theviolethour.com)). The lounge has a nearly hidden entrance and speakeasy feel. A house rule helps to achieve this — cell-phones are left at the door!

End your day by grabbing dinner at The Bristol (2152 North Damen Ave., [thebristolchicago.com](http://thebristolchicago.com)), an award-winning Bucktown restaurant. GQ named the eatery one of the 10 best new restaurants in America, and with its extensive wine list and seasonal-based creations, it's easily worthy of the title.



GQ named The Bristol one of the 10 best new restaurants in the U.S., so it's worth a visit if you find yourself in Bucktown. SUBMITTED



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Lincoln Park

Before leaving Hotel Lincoln, grab a coffee from Elaine's Coffee Call. Located off the lobby, the small café is named after a former hotel telephone operator, who at night would call up former hotel mainstay and famed playwright David Mamet to see if he wanted an evening drink. The walls of Elaine's are covered with multiple layers of dog-eared wallpaper made even more interesting with coffee beans rubbed onto them with a brick. It makes the place feel well-loved, well-used and timeless.

Across the street from the hotel is Lincoln Park, a more than 1,200-acre retreat from the city nestled on the edge of Lake Michigan. Locals stroll and jog through the more than 25 kilometres of trails in this urban get away. Near the park centre is Lincoln Park Zoo ([lpzoo.org](http://lpzoo.org)), a free facility featuring a menagerie of creatures, from sea lions to land lions. The animals are like an extended family for locals, who can stroll through at any time and watch as the babies — including two recently born gorillas — grow up.



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# Eat your way around the Rock

**Foodie boom.** Oil money and the fascination with celebrity chefs has put N.L. on the map as a tasty destination

New Year's Eve at Raymonds Restaurant in St. John's, N.L., will feature a luxurious 12-course tasting menu of seafood and wild game crafted by celebrated chef Jeremy Charles.

Each dish is based on a walk-in-the-woods theme and will showcase flavours from throughout the island, paired with wines from around the world.

The price?

A bell-ringing \$325 per person, including the wine, tax and tip.

A more typical dinner for two at Raymonds — think Cornish hen with foie gras jus or pan roasted cod with Jerusalem artichoke puree — will top \$300 with an appetizer and dessert, depending on which wine you choose from a 42-page list. Bottles range from about \$40 to more than \$2,000.

It's still a surprise to many

people from out of town that fine dining of this calibre not only exists but thrives on the Rock. And while Raymonds is the jewel in this city's culinary crown, it's in fine company with a growing list of restaurants that increasingly delights globe-trotting food lovers.

The offshore oil boom has brought new visitors, executives and wealth to a province famous for its kitchen parties and culture of hospitality.

"Europe, Scandinavia, Japan. People are coming up from all over," said Charles, a soft-spoken and unassuming wizard in chef's whites.

Raymonds, named for his grandfather and the father of restaurant manager and sommelier Jeremy Bonia, was chosen Canada's best new restaurant last year by Air Canada's enRoute inflight magazine.

"I think we take a fairly simple approach with ingredients," Charles said. "We try to forage and source all local Newfoundland ingredients and, if not, Canadian."

Those basic elements include the freshest seafood, moose, rabbit, duck and lamb — grazed in summer on salt grass islands in the North Atlantic — that he infuses with

French, Italian or whatever modern twists inspire him.

Charles refined many of those techniques during the decade he spent away, cooking for the Molson and Bronfman families at a remote fly fishing camp in Quebec, and working as a private chef in Chicago and Los Angeles.

"Not everyone's expecting to see such food, I guess, in St. John's. But it's great to be a part of this whole food movement and I think we really have come a long way in the past few years," he said.

"A lot of people are pushing themselves to put out wonderful products and we're so proud of what we have here. We're so excited to share what we have with the rest of Canada and the world."

St. John's-based food writer and critic Karl Wells said Raymonds is worth every dollar for those who can afford it, and it seems there are many who can. Reservations in high season are recommended weeks in advance.

"It wasn't that long ago that I wrote a column being critical of a particular restaurant here that was charging \$40 for an entree. Well, I mean, that sounds kind of silly now," Wells said.

Word is spreading about

the quality and quantity of Newfoundland eateries, in a range of prices and tastes from Mexican to Indian to the Japanese fusion of Basho Restaurant and Lounge.

The excellence of down-home pub food has been honoured too. The Duke of Duckworth in St. John's, best known for its fish and chips and its recurring role on the hit CBC-TV show *Republic of Doyle*, was ranked 10th on this year's Vacay.ca list of Canada's top 50 restaurants.

And there's no shortage of places to find modern twists on traditional favourites such as Jiggs dinner (boiled salt beef with carrot, cabbage, turnip, pea pudding and potato), figgy duff raisin pudding and desserts made with indigenous blueberries, partridge berries and bakeapples.

Award-winning creations also abound at the Newfoundland Chocolate Company.

Wells traces the local food revolution in part to the rise of celebrity chefs and their myriad cooking shows. That media-driven foodie craze has generated a wave of new and ambitious chefs now making their mark in culinary competitions and at the helms of their own restaurants.

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Jeremy Charles says people are coming from around the world to eat at Raymonds. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## To wrap or not to wrap this delicious combo



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You can substitute baby cocktail shrimp if you don't have the larger ones. Also, be sure to seed the tomatoes first to avoid excess liquid.

Keeping some or all of the shrimp whole makes a lovely presentation. Corn kernels are a nice addition to the filling.

If you are serving these to

### Ingredients

- 6 oz raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 1/2 cups chopped plum tomatoes
- 1/2 cup chopped avocado
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- 2 tbsp chopped red onion
- 1/3 cup crumbled light feta cheese (about 1 1/2 oz)
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 1 tsp finely chopped jalapeño pepper (or 1 tsp hot chili sauce)
- pinch of salt and pepper
- 4 large whole lettuce leaves
- 4 large whole wheat flour tortillas

### Shrimp, Avocado and Feta Wrap



This recipe serves eight. Present it in a wrap or a bowl. RYAN SZULC, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVORITES (WHITECAP BOOKS)

guests, let them assemble the wraps themselves.

1. Lightly coat a nonstick skillet with vegetable spray and set over medium-high heat. Add the shrimp and grill just until no longer pink, about 3 minutes, turning halfway through. Remove from the heat and let cool slightly. Dice the shrimp and place in a large mixing bowl.

2. Add the tomatoes, avocado,

cilantro, red onion, feta, olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, jalapeño, salt and pepper.

3. Place 1 lettuce leaf on each of the 4 tortillas and divide the shrimp mixture evenly among the tortillas, spreading it to about 1/4 inch from the edges. Fold in the sides of the tortillas and roll up. Cut each in half and serve.

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# Fall not from your social media slip-ups

**Avoid being a Twit.**  
Take a serious pause before you push that send button

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Before you post that picture of yourself doing body shots during your Cancun spring break, I would like to offer you some friendly advice on how potential employers might interpret your online behaviour.

You need to make sure that you are projecting the best possible image to future employers, in case anyone who's thinking about hiring you takes a quick second to Google your name.

People will be assessing what you've posted to see if there are any photos, videos or all-caps-irrational-ranting that raises a red flag about your judgment, awareness or intelligence.

A few common sense tips can ensure that you come across as employable:

## Lock it down

The first and most important

commandment of personal social media management is understanding who you are sharing your personal information with.

If you choose to add your professional contacts to Facebook, you can either keep things PG or change your security settings to only allow certain posts to be visible to your professional network.

This involves a certain degree of common sense. Every industry is different in terms of their tolerance for your she-nigans via social media. For example, if you work at a creative start-up company, your boss's views on your mid-workday posts of cat memes will be different than if you work at a Bay Street law firm. Investigate how your peers or colleagues are using social media, and follow their lead.

## Think before you tweet ... about how bad your job is

I've seen far too many catastrophes caused by careless tweets. We've all witnessed heat-of-the-moment tweets about someone's failing love life and epic drinking plans (please, spare us), but I especially urge caution when it comes to social posts about your job.

It only takes one tweet



Assume that anyone and everyone will see your LinkedIn and Twitter accounts, and act accordingly. ISTOCK

along the lines of, "This job is S—and everyone here is a B—" to get you fired.

The same applies if you decide to resign. Take a moment to reflect on how rejoicing publicly about your departure from your current boss, job or co-workers could appear. Perhaps your boss is in fact an evil fas-

cist, and maybe your co-workers do give new meaning to the word psycho, but griping about work is never a good idea.

Regardless of the situation, it can make you look like a whiner and/or jerk.

## Be truthful and consistent

Now that your social profiles

## Social savvy

### Ditch the cheesy Twitter handle

- I cannot tell you how many times I've seen resumés and email signature blocks that feature outrageously inappropriate email addresses, blog URLs or Twitter handles. You should be showcasing the best possible image to potential employers and @lovemonkey1990 is sending all the wrong messages.

- Sticking to your name is safest, but if you choose to use a nickname, make it something that wouldn't make your grandma blush.

your resumé.

## Maintain your personality and use it to your professional advantage

While you might think I would advocate for being a passionless yuppie robot on your social media profiles, that's not the case. Having a life outside of work makes you an interesting, well-rounded person, so maintain your unique qualities and pursuits in full view (as long as your pursuits are of the legal variety).

Remember to take the time to post updates about news and trends related to your industry. This will work to your advantage by showcasing your knowledge and interest in your field to potential employers.

Overall, it's critical that you avoid sharing anything on social media that could give the impression that you lack judgment, are irresponsible or should potentially be thrown in an asylum. Everyone lets their hair down once in a while; just have the good sense not to post the evidence on Instagram.

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At the end of my five years at Simon Fraser University, I received a bachelor in business administration and honours in marketing and management information systems. It was very exciting, and the certificate is proudly displayed in my parents' den. But that is not definitive of my time at SFU. Instead, the out-of-classroom elements, including three co-ops, case competitions both local and abroad, an academic exchange at Tsinghua University in Beijing and a community development internship in Brazil, have defined my past five years. It is those elements of my university experience that have made me more competitive in the business world and allowed me to secure a role with Procter & Gamble one year prior to my graduation.

## What I'm doing now

After I signed with P&G in November 2011, I graduated from SFU in April 2012 and



May Yu PROVIDED

travelled to Southeast Asia with my friends, followed by a two-month volunteer internship via SFU AIESEC, a student-run exchange group, in the south of Brazil. I am now working at P&G Canada in Toronto as an assistant brand manager.

## My advice for students

When I reflect upon my past five years, co-ops and case competitions have undoubtedly honed my career-oriented acumen and skills. However, my most memorable experiences would be my exchanges. From my exchanges in China and Brazil, I have emerged as more of a global citizen, with a better understanding of myself and where I want to be. I made friends with people from across the globe, I learned a new language, a new culture and I made an impact with those who I volunteered with.

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# Former voice of Mooseheads dead at 84



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The voice that brought so many Halifax hockey games to life has fallen silent.

Pat Connolly, a longtime broadcaster with the Halifax Mooseheads and well-known news and sports columnist, passed away Tuesday morning after a long battle with cancer. He was 84.

"He was an icon," said John Moore, who broadcasts the Mooseheads games on News 95.7 and who worked with Connolly for many years.

"He was someone I aspired to be like, the way he conducted himself. Just a genuine, caring man who loved being

around sport.

"In the last year I had the chance to tell Pat just what he meant to me."

Originally from Sydney, Connolly began his career in journalism at the Cape Breton Post after graduating high school in 1945.

He then moved to Halifax to write for the Chronicle-Herald, and began working with CJCH Radio and CBC television as their first sports host in 1954.

After spending a few years in other media rooms across Canada, Connolly returned to Halifax in 1967 and eventually became the voice of American Hockey League teams such as the Nova Scotia Voyageurs, Cape Breton Oilers and Halifax Citadels.



**Pat Connolly** CONTRIBUTED

He also continued as a columnist for the Halifax Daily News, Chronicle-Herald and

other publications across Canada.

"He was capable of being the broadcaster with the great voice and great questions, but he also was a tremendous writer," Moore said of Connolly, a member of the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame.

"He was rare in that sense." Connolly was also, for 15 years, the public address announcer for all Mooseheads home games, beginning with the team's inaugural season in 1994-95.

The Metro Centre press box was named after him following his retirement.

"I think the Mooseheads and everyone associated with our team has lost a real friend today," said Mooseheads major-

## Tribute

The Halifax Mooseheads will pay tribute to Pat Connolly with a special ceremony prior to their home game against the Chicoutimi Saguenéens on Friday night. Game time is 7 p.m.

ity owner Bobby Smith.

"He leaves behind a great legacy. And you know, he'll be missed."

The province also offered its condolences Tuesday, with Deputy Premier Frank Corbett calling Connolly "a great man with a passion for sports across Nova Scotia and the Maritimes."

# Moose want more of the same

**QMJHL.** Not much negative to say about Halifax's first 25 games



**PHILIP CROUCHER**  
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The Halifax Mooseheads came into this season with very high expectations and so far they have delivered.

The team is first in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League with a staggering 21-3-1 record. They are also the No. 1-ranked team in the Canadian Hockey League, thanks to young stars like Nathan MacKinnon and Jonathan Drouin — who should only get better as the season progresses.

"There is a lot to be happy about. There is a lot to be excited about," said Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell. "I think we've seen a good consistent brand of hockey throughout the season."

The numbers don't lie. The Mooseheads lead the league in wins and goals for, sit second in power play, home wins and road victories, and are third-best in goals allowed.

They also have two players amongst the league leaders in scoring — with

MacKinnon at No. 4 (20 goals, 23 assists) and Drouin at No. 10 (15 goals, 25 assists).

But what stands out most for Russell is just how balanced the team is. They are strong in goal with Zachary Fucale and Chris Clarke, solid on the blue-line and up front have three lines that can contribute offensively.

"Obviously we've had a couple of key players step up in the last year to year-and-a-half," Russell said.

"But we've got a lot of other good players on this hockey team. There is excellent depth at all positions, and I think the coaching staff has done a very good job making sure the players are ready to play every night."

That said, every team can use fine-tuning and Russell will be watching attentively over the next few weeks, leading up to the start of the Q trade deadline on Dec. 22, to see if there are any moves that need to be made.

"We are always looking — we've been doing that since the start of the season," he said. "If there is an opportunity to improve our hockey team that makes sense for our team and the organization, that's something we'll do."



Mooseheads, from left, Nathan MacKinnon, Jonathan Drouin and Martin Frk celebrate a goal against the Baie-Comeau Drakkar at the Halifax Metro Centre last week. JEFF HARPER/METRO

**Moose — points**

**43**

**Moose — goals for**

**126**

**Moose — goals against**

**67**

**AUS women's basketball**

## Huskies, Tigers battle on court

The Saint Mary's Huskies women's basketball team will put its unbeaten season on the line Wednesday when they host the cross-town rival Dalhousie Tigers at The Tower at 6 p.m.

Saint Mary's is a perfect 6-0 after weekend victories

over the Cape Breton Capers and St. Francis Xavier X-Men.

The Huskies are led by fourth-year guard Justine Colley, who is leading the league in points per game (26.2). She is also amongst the leaders for rebounds per game (8.8) assists (23) and blocks (seven).

Dalhousie sits in third place at 4-1. Also Wednesday, the Huskies and Tigers will play in men's hoop action at 8 p.m.

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**Justine Colley** CONTRIBUTED

**QMJHL**

## Titan fire coach

The Bathurst Titan have made a coaching change.

The Quebec Major Junior Hockey League team has fired Eric Dubois from a position he has held since the start of the 2011-12 campaign. His replacement will be named later this week. **METRO**

**CIS hockey**

## Huskies crack top 10 rankings

The Saint Mary's Huskies men's hockey team has made the Canadian Inter-university Sport rankings.

The Huskies (9-4-1), coming off victories over the St. Francis Xavier X-Men and Acadia Axemen, are in at No. 8. **METRO**

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# Seguin isn't just punching the clock in Switzerland

**Hockey.** Locked-out forward taking game to new level overseas

It is awfully hard to miss Tyler Seguin these days.

Not only is the locked-out NHL forward tearing up the Swiss hockey league, he's doing it in style. Seguin stands out among his EHC Biel teammates on the ice because of the bright yellow helmet he wears — an honour bestowed on the top-scoring player for each team in Switzerland.

The 20-year-old has been an offensive force with 20 goals in 20 games, making him the

most productive NHLer plying his trade in a league that includes Jason Spezza, Joe Thornton, Rick Nash, John Tavares and Logan Couture, among others.

"I had no idea what to expect when I came to Switzerland," he told the Tages-Anzeiger newspaper recently. "The league is very competitive — the speed and the talent level of the players has surprised me. It took me some time and effort to get used to it."

Seguin was one of the first players to sign in Europe once the work stoppage came into effect back in September.

After seasons of 22 and 67 points with the Boston Bruins,

## By the numbers

3

Tyler Seguin has scored three hat tricks in his first 20 games with EHC Biel.

it was reasonable to expect that Seguin would have made another leap forward during his third year in the NHL.

However, he likely wouldn't have been relied upon by Boston as much as he is in Biel, where he's been used in virtually every situation. Over the weekend against Bern, he blocked a shot while killing a penalty and scored on a short-handed breakaway.

Seguin has seen limited penalty-kill action in the NHL and made reference to his new role on Twitter on Monday: "Got a short handed goal the other night. Wonder if @NHLBruins will see it. #blockshots" **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



EHC Biel's Tyler Seguin takes the ice for a game against the Rapperswil-Jona Lakers on Sept. 29 in Biel, Switzerland. PETER SCHNEIDER/KEYSTONE/THE CANADIAN PRESS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Quoted

"Scoring goals is never easy; I didn't do very well at the beginning. Now I just hope to continue playing well like I have been lately."

EHC Biel forward Tyler Seguin

## NBA. Raptors suffer 5th straight loss in Houston

James Harden scored 24 points and matched a career high with 12 assists to lead the Houston Rockets over the Toronto Raptors 117-101 on Tuesday night.

Patrick Patterson added 22 points for the Rockets, who have won four in a row. Omer Asik had 13 points and 18 rebounds.

Andrea Bargnani scored 21 points and Terrence Ross added a career-high 19 for the Raptors, who have lost five straight.

The Rockets planned to fly to Minneapolis immediately after the game to attend Wednesday's funeral for Sasha McHale, the 23-year-old daughter of coach Kevin McHale. Sasha McHale died on Saturday from complications of lupus.

The team will then fly from Minneapolis to Oklahoma City to face the Thunder on Wednesday night — Harden's first game there since he was traded to Houston on Oct. 27.

Jeremy Lin had 16 points and 10 assists for Houston. Lin went 7 for 9 from the field, his best shooting game of the season. He was 6 for 12 from the field in Friday night's win over



James Harden scored 24 points and had 12 assists vs. the Raptors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York.

Bargnani kept Toronto close for a while, starting 7 for 9 from the field and hitting three 3-pointers in the first half. The Rockets shot 51 per cent (26 of 51) in the half and led 61-51 at the break.

Raptor Kyle Lowry, who played for Houston from 2009-12, got supportive applause when he was introduced before the game.

He finished with seven points on 3-for-10 shooting.

The Rockets recognized Sasha McHale's death with a moment of silence before the announcement of the starting lineups. Players wore green bands on their jerseys.

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## Baseball

### Controversial trio on HOF ballots

Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens and Sammy Sosa are set to show up on the Hall of Fame ballot for the first time, and fans will soon find out whether drug allegations block the former stars from reaching baseball's shrine.

The ballot will be announced Wednesday.

Craig Biggio, Mike Piazza and Curt Schilling are certain to be among the other first-time eligibles. Jack Morris, Jeff Bagwell and Tim Lincecum are the top holdover candidates.

Longtime members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America (BBWAA) will vote through next month. The results will be announced Jan. 9, with players needing to be listed on 75 per cent of the ballots to gain induction.

The upcoming election is certain to fuel the most polarizing hall debate since Pete Rose's betting problems put him on baseball's permanently ineligible list, barring him from the BBWAA ballot.

Bonds, Clemens and Sosa each posted some of the biggest numbers in the game's history, but were all tainted by accusations that they used performance-enhancing drugs.

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## Tough court

The Raptors have lost six straight games in Houston.







# The 2013 Fiat 500 Turbo



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## Engine

The base 500 hatch and Cabrio operate with a 101-horsepower 1.4-litre four-cylinder MultiAir engine and standard five-speed manual transmission. For 2013, the engine has been tweaked to produce 6.4 l/100 km in the city and 4.9 on the highway using premium fuel.



The 500's engine

## 2013 Fiat 500 Turbo

- **Type.** Two-door, front-wheel-drive, sub-compact hatchback
- **Engines (hp):** 1.4-litre DOHC14, turbocharged (135)
- **Transmission.** Five speed manual
- **Base price (incl.destination).** \$22,600

## Design

The Turbo arrives with plenty of add-ons, including a distinctive nose and rear end (similar to the Abarth's), unique bodyside trim and alloy wheels. Along with a sport-tuned exhaust, the transmission, suspension and braking system have been beefed up to better handle the mushy handling traits.

## Transmission

Keep in mind that the Turbo copies the Abarth's manual-transmission-only requirement, so if you're averse to giving your left foot and right arm a workout while driving, the decision has already been made for you. For the record, the Turbo's fuel consumption numbers are 7.1 l/100 km city and 5.7 highway.

**Review.** 500 is perfect for small car fans on a budget seeking quality

**MALCOLM GUNN**  
Wheelbase Media

Chrysler-Fiat's Italian-bred sub-compact finally appears to be gaining headway with small-car shoppers.

That should become even more in evidence with the recent arrival of the Turbo that rounds out a four-model 500 lineup, which already includes a base 500, 500c Cabrio convertible and performance-focused 500 Abarth. Making its presence felt on the North American automotive stage has been challenging for the two-door 500, especially when compared to other more iconic and established makes, including its Mini Cooper nemesis.

The frugal 500 family still has some kilometres to go before reaching icon status in North America. In most cases, its youthful buyers have only

minimal knowledge of the Fiat marque.

However, the fiat's quality has been proven over time and bridging the gap between base and Abarth is the new 500 Turbo. As the name implies, its 1.4-litre engine is also turbocharged, but has been detuned to 135 horsepower and 150 pound-feet of torque. That's 25 ponies less than the Abarth, but the \$22,600 Turbo model also costs \$3,000 less, which is fair.

Also note that the Turbo and the Cabrio are within \$1,000 of each other, allowing you to choose between top-down summer fun or extra performance for roughly the same money. Hmm, decisions, decisions. The Turbo also comes with sporty-style bucket seats and fancier trim, while climate control, voice-activated navigation system, leather-covered and heated front seats and a Beats by Dr. Dre audio package are optional.

For small-car fans with champagne tastes on a beer budget, the 500 Turbo should manage to deliver some extra kick and give Fiat fans a more stylish way to get from A to B.



The slick but simple interior compliments the vehicle.



Sport-tuned exhaust



Dr. Dre audio package is optional.

## By comparison



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# Think you're ready to buy your first car? Choose with care

**Price out your options.** Avoid a hurried purchase and weigh up whether a rental or permanent vehicle is your best option heading into the future

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Just picture it: It's been a long time coming, but you're in your first car with nothing in front of you but the open road.

Purchasing your first car is likely one of the biggest purchases you're ever going to make, second only to buying your first home.

But before you start to shop around for your dream car, there are several things to consider. Should

## Start sharing

**Life questions.** This is the third in a week-long series of articles chronicling some of the rites of passage many of Metro's readers will experience as they leave the nest or school and head out on their own.

- **Question.** Do you remember your first car or are you planning on buying your first one? Maybe you have some tips.

- **Share.** Visit [metronews.ca/features/firsts](http://metronews.ca/features/firsts), tweet us or even turn to the person next to you and share your stories.



## Quoted

**"There is plenty of homework, research and legwork involved, but it will pay off in the end. Take your time because this is an expensive purchase and you don't want it to be an impulse buy."**

Silvana Aceto, spokesperson for CAA South Central Ontario  
On whether to buy or lease a car.

you go for new or used? And is it smarter to buy or lease? Different options are going to work for different people, advises Silvana Aceto, spokesperson for CAA South Central Ontario.

"Look at how often you're going to be using this vehicle and how far you're going to be driving,"

she says. If you're planning on driving long distances regularly, you may want to consider buying to sidestep mileage restrictions that come with leasing.

On the other hand, leasing means lower monthly payments and the opportunity to trade in for a new model every three or four years.

Aceto recommends making the effort to price out your options. Many car companies have online tools that will help illustrate the cost differences between leasing and buying their vehicles.

Resources such as the Automobile Journalists Association of Canada and Consumer Reports also offer more information about makes and models as you figure out which kind of car will best fit your lifestyle, while the Canadian Black Book is an ideal guide for anyone considering used cars.

There are key pros and cons involved in purchasing a used vehicle. "You have to consider that you could be buying someone else's problems," warns Aceto.

New cars, however, will likely require fewer repairs in the first few years of ownership and are also supported by manufacturer's warranties.

But buying used might be easier on your wallet. "Typically, you pay less to insure a used vehicle as opposed to a brand new vehicle," she says. Ultimately, when it comes to shopping for insurance and finding your ideal car, extensive research is your best friend.

"There is plenty of homework, research and legwork involved, but it will pay off in the end," says Aceto. "Take your time because this is an expensive purchase, and you don't want it to be an impulse buy."

## Smart steps

- **Talk to family and friends.** Chances are, they're car owners too and will be able to recommend models and dealers they've used in the past.
- **Check your credit history.** New car owners will likely require loans to support their purchase. Doing your own credit check before you visit dealerships ensures your credit score won't dip from running too many inquiries on your credit report.
- **Take a test drive.** Once you have your choices narrowed down to a few cars, take them out for a spin. "Make sure that you take the vehicle out for 30 to 40 minutes on routes that you would normally drive," Aceto suggests.

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### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

The more you feel the need to prove yourself, the more care you must take when dealing with people whose opinions may be very different to your own. Say the wrong thing and it could impact you financially.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Even if you are one of those rare Gemini who tries to avoid the limelight, all your instincts are telling you to put yourself out there and get noticed. Do something out of the ordinary, something that makes a lasting impression.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

There seems to be a lot of resentment in your mind but there is no point being angry with people for what they have said because they can't un-say it. It's up to you to put it behind you. Move on.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You will say something that is less than positive about a friend today but there is no need to feel guilty about it because it's the truth. A few choice words are just what they need to set them straight.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You don't have to be ruthless but the Lunar Eclipse warns you do have to protect your interests. Someone who envies your success will try to undermine you today. You know who they are. Deal with them severely.

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Tell the truth as you see it today, even if you know it is likely to offend someone you are fond of. It is important that they can see things from an alternative point of view. Without it they'll make a huge mistake.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

The planets warn that anyone who approaches you with a money-making idea over the next 24 hours is not to be trusted. The more interest it sounds the more likely it is you will lose your investment. Give it a miss.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

It's not easy to turn the other cheek when someone hurts you but you would be wise to today. If you get drawn into a dispute it will escalate quicker than you expected, so give revenge a miss.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Avoid getting involved in anything that others might see as deceptive or crooked. Facts often mean less than impressions, so don't let people get the impression that you are up to no good.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You are on the right side and nothing anyone can say is going to change your mind. That's fine but be aware that too rigid an outlook limits true understanding. Being right isn't everything.

### Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

If you don't feel up to going out with your friends, just let them know you need some time to yourself. The Lunar Eclipse makes this the kind of day when you want to hunker down and stay inside your own four walls. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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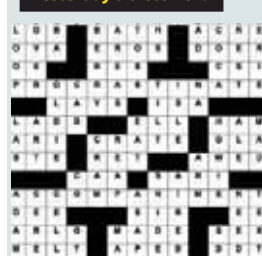
### Across

- Angry
- Fishing need
- Charmed actress McGowan
- Spring month (abbr.)
- Desperate Housewives star Longoria
- Role for Hal Holbrook in Evening Shade
- Average grade
- Flying (prefix)
- Transmit
- Filling out an envelope
- Just Shoot —
- Preserve fruit
- Baldwin of 30 Rock
- The Joy Luck Club author
- Post script (abbr.)
- According to
- Dole out
- Ocean
- Baronet
- In tune with the latest fashion
- Ollie's partner
- Found on the farm
- Night time medical drama
- Clean our teeth with this
- Abuse
- Without
- Exclamation of surprise
- Sword
- Author of "The Raven"
- Mate for woman
- Barracks food hall
- Saturday late night skit show (abbr.)
- Pig's abode

### Down

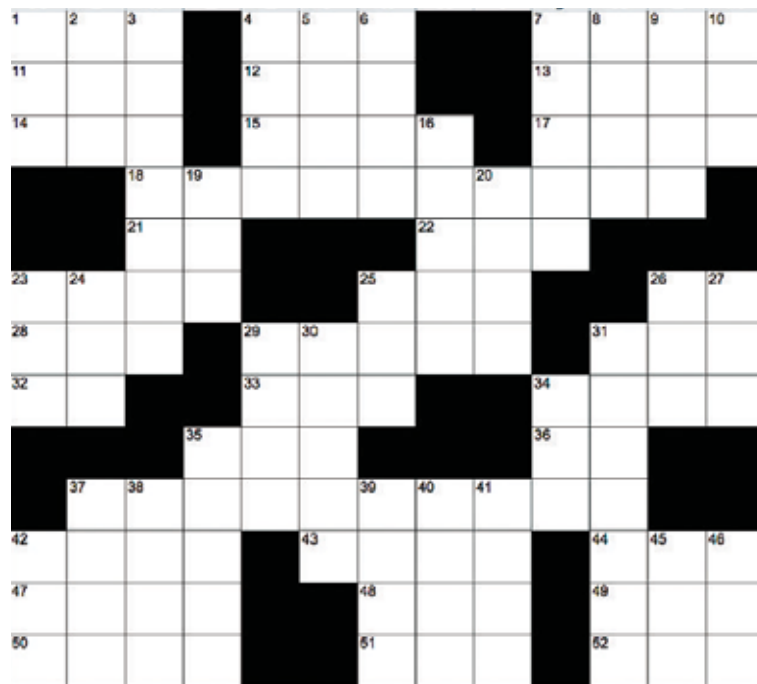
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- Mimic
- Romanticist

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- Peruse
- and above
- Truth or —
- Saran
- Baking need
- "I Never — for My Father"
- Halt
- Fashion designer: — de la Renta
- Christmas mo.
- Perfectly coherent

- NYPD Blue notice (abbr.)
- Allow
- Knock lightly
- Small green veggie
- The Streets of — Francisco
- Take a stab at
- and lows
- Brooks
- Lay down
- Holmes on —
- Pre-record

- Minerals
- Gladys Knight & the —
- Soon
- Stitch up
- Alter a skirt or dress
- The Cat in the —
- "— Given Sunday"
- Neighbour of ND

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8	6	2	9	5	3	7	1	4
9	3	1	7	4	8	5	6	2
3	1	5	2	7	4	6	8	9
7	8	4	6	9	1	2	5	3
6	2	9	3	8	5	1	4	7
4	7	6	5	3	9	8	2	1
2	5	8	4	1	7	9	3	6
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			8					6
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	5				3	7		1

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